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1. Since 17 December 1951, traffic south from Nanning via the Laiping-Chennankuan railway had been increased to three trains daily, with two at night and one during the daytime.¹ From 24 to 31 December, military supplies shipped south from Nanning by this railway included 1,800 tons of grain; over 1,600 boxes of rifles and machine guns which were made at Hanyang arsenal; over 4,600 boxes of ammunition from the Kwangsi and Kwangtung arsenal; over 60 Soviet-made trucks; 250 bundles of medical and surgical supplies; and unknown quantities of soy beans and salt.
2. On 29 and 30 December, 1,600 troops of the Chinese Communist 128 Division, 43 Army, arrived at Wuming (108-15, 23-12).² These troops were equipped with 4 x 75 mm guns and 26 x 60 mm guns. They appeared in good health, and although some spoke Hunan or Northeastern dialects, the majority spoke Cantonese.
3. As of December, Chinese Communist measures against guerrilla activity on the river between Ch'ungshan (107-33, 22-27) and Lungchou (106-56, 22-22) had made river traffic relatively safe between Nanning and Lungchou. During December all boats travelling to Nanning from Lungchou carried native products, and those travelling in the opposite direction carried grains. In response to demands for military transportation, Kwangsi Military District Headquarters increased the transportation of military supplies since mid-December.
4. The Chinese Communists commandeered over 30 x 20 ton wooden junks which had sailed between Nanning and Kueih sien (109-36, 23-06) and concentrated them at Nanning to await orders to ship supplies to Lungchou. On 24 December the Communists began a three-day training class at Nanning Labor Union Headquarters for 280 of the crew and owners of these junks. Training consisted of air defense, anti-guerrilla methods, and first aid. During the training period CHANG Yun-i, Governor of Kwangsi, addressed the class.

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2. Comment. Previous information stated that these troops arrived in Nanning on 27 and 28 December via the Laiping-Chennankuan railway.

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1. In early December 1951, YEH Chien-ying, on the recommendation of Soviet adviser Pi-te-ning-fu (彼德宁夫) established five defense zones along the Kwangtung coast at the following places: the Neilingting (113- , 22-) area at the mouth of the Pearl River; Mira Bay; Bias Bay; the Chiehshih (115-49, 22-49) - Huilai (116-18, 23-03)¹ area; and Swatow. The defenses of these areas were to be strengthened.
2. On 10 December, HUANG K'ang (黄康) left Canton for Huiyang (114-26, 23-05) to begin reorganization of the 41 Army, in the East River area, with men from public security divisions and the Kwangtung militia.² In early December, the Kwangtung Military District had ordered 7 and 9 Regiments of the 5 Public Security Division to be used as replacements for the 41 Army, because they were the best equipped regiments. In mid-December LAN Tsao (蓝造), commander of the 5 Public Security Division went to Canton to request weapons for the new 7 and 9 Regiments, and 2,000 rifles were ordered by YEH Chien-ying. Also to equip these Regiments, JMP 80,000,000 was collected from civilians in the East River area.
3. In early January 1952, the 2 Battalion of the 6 Regiment, 139 Division, commanded by YANG Jen-p'ing (杨任平) was stationed at Shench'uan (114-08, 22-32). One battalion and two companies of the Kwangtung 6 Public Security Division, augmented by one artillery battalion was stationed at Shat'ouchiao (114-14- 22-32). The chief mission of all these units was to prevent smuggling and infiltration of Nationalist agents.
4. On 28 December 1951, Soviet ammunition and 850 Japanese artillerymen were transported aboard the Soviet ship KO-FU-HSIN-SZU-MI (可富屋斯米) from Yulin³ (109-34, 18-13) to Fangch'eng to Tunghsing (107-58, 21-33), and from there to Indochina.

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1. ☐ Comment. Also received Hailai (116-18, 23-08).

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2. ☐ Comment. 41 Army ordered from Huiyang to southern Kwangtung. Other information lists WU Yuan-mu as being in charge of the reorganization, and HUANG K'ang as Deputy Political Director of the Haiman island column.

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1. In late December 1951, elements of the 62 Division, 21 Army, and the 312 Regiment, 104 Division, stationed in the Haimen (121-25, 28-45) area, moved to the Wenchow-T'aichou (121-07, 28-53) area.
2. On 7 January 1952, 21 motor junks and 2 landing craft left Haimen for Shihp'u (121-56, 29-15).

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